

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Wilmington City Council
Wilmington City Hall
1165 South Water Street
December 10, 2019

Call to Order

The Special Meeting of the Wilmington City Council on December 10, 2019 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Roy Strong in the Council Chambers of the Wilmington City Hall.

Roll Call

Upon Roll Call by the Clerk the following members of the corporate authorities answered “Here” or “Present”:

Aldermen Present Persic, Kirwin, Combes, Vice, Dietz, Studer, Tenn, Butler

Quorum

There being a sufficient number of members of the corporate authorities in attendance to constitute a quorum, the meeting was declared in order.

Other Officials in Attendance

Also, in attendance were the City Administrator/Deputy City Clerk Joie Ziller, Building Inspector Rick Smith

Alderman Vice made a motion and Alderman Combes seconded to approve the Conditional Use Permit for a Planned Unit Development for Fox’s Pizza, a Variance to Permit a PUD less than one acre in size subject to the following condition: submittal and City acceptance of an easement to the City/public over the sidewalks proposed along both Mill Street and Main Street

Discussion: Alderman Vice requested that the alley not be used for deliveries. He also added his concerns in regards to safety and the condition of the alley, along with safety concerns of deliveries being made on Main Street. Alderman Vice requested the hours of operation once the business opens, to be 11 o’clock rather than midnight on the weekends and close at 10 o’clock on the weekdays considering there are residents adjacent to the proposed business. Alderman Vice has no objection with having the restaurant just feels some changes need to be made in consideration of the residents in the area. The Mayor was in agreement with the bad condition of the alley and stated that it (the alley) along with Mill Street will be added to the MFT road improvement list. Alderman Vice added that it would not be fair to the residents if the City chose that no parking is allowed on the south side of Mill Street-where would the guest of the residents’ park if this restriction was added. Alderman Vice proposed that perhaps instead of planting trees and adding a grassy area this could be blacktopped and used for deliveries. Alderman Vice questioned that since there is going to outdoor seating would a fence need to be installed. Yes, a fence will need to be installed but it would need to be visible/see through for safety purposed, it could not be a privacy/stockade type fence.

Upon roll call, the vote was:

AYES: 8 Vice, Combes, Persic, Butler, Studer, Kirwin, Dietz, Ten

NAYS: 0

The motion carried.

Public Comments

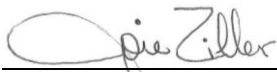
Mrs. Prucha stated before they purchased their home, they called the village and they were told that the empty lot would never be a restaurant, she didn't know exactly the name but someone told her. Mrs. Prucha stated that she didn't have a problem with the pizza place going there but to give him land that's going to encroach on her property, she is not favor of. She stated that there is a safety hazard on street with the Fire Department getting access to her son that has a traumatic brain injury - last year, they were seven times blocking street. Mrs. Prucha stated her concerns with granting a variance and why they should not be given; those being safety, negative effects on peoples lives and home values.

Mrs. Quirk explained that she lives on Kankakee Street and her property backs up to Greg's property, she has no problem with him building the building but has concerns with the safety of the alley and the water runoff. She also expressed her concerns with the off-street parking calling it a stupid idea because there's going to be accidents and she doesn't understand why the building couldn't be designed to all for off street parking.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Alderman Combes and seconded by Alderman Vice. Upon voice vote, the motion carried. The Special Meeting of the City of Wilmington City Council held on December 10, 2019 adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Joie Ziller, Deputy City Clerk